Dear Parents,

As another academic year draws to a close it still amazes me how quickly time passes!

It doesn’t seem that long ago when we were welcoming the current Foundation students to school and inducting the grade 6 students in as leaders. However when I reflect on not only the physical size and stature of the grade 6 and Foundation students but their social and emotional development, yes a year has definitely passed!

Schools certainly have beginnings and endings of journeys like no other institution and I do feel somewhat emotional when the year draws to an end even though the school is still very busy!

Busy with swimming (and how fortuitous are we to have a swimming program now, so close to the school, at an extremely reasonable cost and for our exclusive use!) final learning commitments and tasks as well as the end of year rituals.

The students at Wattle Park are exceptional and this was evidenced last week when I accompanied the grade 6 students for an afternoon tea with the Cameron Close residents who have heard them read over the years. How proud was I, Mrs...
Saaksjarvi and Mrs Vicki Papastergiadis of the way they presented and interacted with the elderly but sprightly residents! The grade 6 students are certainly a credit to the school and I think representative of the student body as a whole.

Next Tuesday night the School Council Committee and the leaders of sub-committees will meet for their end of year celebrations. I am extremely thankful and grateful to all of the community members for their voluntary contribution to the school in terms of their time, commitment and expertise. A school would not be able to operate as smoothly and constructively without them.

At last month’s School Council meeting the Finance Committee presented the 2014 Parent Payments and Voluntary Contributions. They were accepted unanimously by all school council members. The school levy for 2014 is $835 including essential items and excursion levy as well as monies to our Building and Library funds. At the commencement of the school year a letter will be sent home to all families outlining the structure of payments and voluntary contributions for 2014.

**Staffing 2014**

Staffing arrangements for 2014 have been finalised. A full list of class and specialist teachers is presented below. New additions to the teaching staff are Dr Karl Jenkinson and Ms Hayley Kellahan. We also welcome back Ms Robyn Heeps who is returning after two years in the United Emirates. In the coming weeks we will farewell three members of our current staff Mrs Anna Saaksjarvi Year 6, Ms Narelle Albert, Year 2 and Ms Tracy McPhee-Lam, Foundation. Anna is expecting her first child next year and we wish her and her husband Pete every best wish for the future as they begin their journey into parenthood.

I’d like to thank both Narelle and Tracy for their time here at Wattle Park Primary School and wish them all the very best as they embark upon their new endeavours.

**The teaching arrangements for 2014 are:**

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**Specialists:**

- **Art:** John Davey
- **Library:** Mrs Annmaria Antonino
- **LOTE Mandarin:** Ainslie Peszynski
- **Music:** Lorelle Caulfield-Lloyd
- **Physical Education:** Melinda Downes
- **Reading Recovery:** Rhonda Lush
- **SSO Support:** Vicki Keith, Susan Wright, Michelle Harris
- **Library Technician:** Ros Cordner
- **Chef:** Nadia Gallo
- **Gardening Staff:** Marion Bonadeo, Gavin Cass
And of course our highly valued office staff, Mrs Robyn Hunter, Mrs Joy Roberts and Mrs Vicki Keith

Classes for 2014 will be announced on Tuesday 10th December for the transition afternoon 2.30-3.30p.m. when students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher/s for 2014 and their new classmates.

December reports will be sent home on Tuesday 17th December. I know you will find these to be most informative and a celebration of what your child has achieved this year.

Next Thursday 12th commencing at 7.00p.m. we will be continuing with the School’s Christmas tradition. Our long established Christmas Carols Night will be held in the casual and leafy surrounds of the natural amphitheatre alongside our gymnasium. This is very much a “bring your own everything” community event that offers a highly social way to enjoy listening to your children sing some carols while enjoying the company of other Wattle Park families.

On the same night our Art Room will be showcasing the work of all our students throughout the year. Please take the time to pop in to see Ms Chadwick and the work on display before you set up your space on the lawn for the night. The students have created a variety of creations including sculpture, textiles, clay and drawings. The Art Show will be open from 6.00p.m. Please be reminded that The School Council has stipulated that this is an alcohol free event. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

On Monday 16th December the parents, grand-parents and friends of grade six students will gather in the hall to participate in an important event. This of course is our Grade Six Graduation Ceremony that acknowledges the efforts of our Year six students, and farewell them as they leave Wattle Park for secondary school.

It will be a real sense of occasion and a passage to celebrate not only an end but also a new and exciting beginning!

We will have one more Noticeboard and a final Friday newsletter before the final curtain! Our last assembly for the year will be on Friday the 20th commencing at 12.45p.m. It would be lovely to see you there!

Enjoy your weekend and make sure your children are especially safe at this busy time of the year.

Regards Gayle
2014 Student Enrolments and Exits

We are well underway in planning for facilities and staffing for 2014. All planning is based on our student enrolment and exit numbers and we urge parents to complete an enrolment or exit form (see below) as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be obtained from our website or from the office.

Exit Intentions for 2014

I wish to advise that my child/children as listed below, will not be returning to WPPS in 2014.
Name: __________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group ___________________ Year level: ________________
Name: __________________________________________________________________
Current Home Group: ____________________ Year level: _______________
Signed: _________________________________
Date: ___________________________

Reason: We would very much appreciate your comments/feedback to assist with future planning.
Moving house
Family moving suburb/interstate/overseas
Transferring to independent school, please advise which school to assist with transfer arrangements
School does not adequately cater to the needs of my child/children
Other

I am happy for a member of the school community to make contact with me: Yes No
RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
The Ninja's and Warriors won their grand final games and the Hoop's team came runners-up.
NO HAT, NO PLAY
Especially for students walking to the swimming pool
All students are required to wear hats outside during recess and lunchtime. Any student without a school hat, will need to sit in the designated area. If you know your child has lost his/her

Reminder: All students must wear school uniform to and from swimming. This means school shorts on top of swimmers and boardshorts.
2013 Music Soiree

On Wednesday the 20th of November there was a music soiree in the music room at W.P.P.S. There was a wide range of students from grade 6 all the way down to Foundation. There were also a lot of instruments that students played from the cello to the cornet. It was a whopping two hours to get all the students to play their pieces. There were more than 100 adults that watched the soiree, making it around 150 people at the venue, which made it a fantastic experience.

Students played individually and in small ensembles. There were varieties of genres from Pop, Jazz and even theme songs from movies such as James Bond and the Pink Panther. Everyone who came had a really great time sharing their musical talents with everyone.

It was very enjoyable to listen to other students playing their instruments. We hope they will all continue to learn and entertain us next year. So well done to all who performed, and good luck to all next year.

By Nick, Riley, Freya, Matt, Megan and Richard
Cameron Close Christmas Celebration

On Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} November the Year One students went to visit Cameron Close for the final time this year. Every Wednesday the students have gone to Cameron Close to take part in a shared reading program where the residents will listen to the students read. The visits are valued as part of our shared links with our neighbouring community as well as supporting our reading program.

The students performed three songs for the residents and were then treated to an array of treats including a gift for every student.

I like how we got to sing a special song for their last day. I also like to read to them as it is special. - Eve 1C

I like visiting them a lot and reading to the residents and sometimes drawing. The Christmas concert was fun when they clapped for us - Fida 1C

I liked the grade one Christmas party because they gave us gifts and they enjoyed our songs. - Lani 1K

I liked the Cameron Close Christmas party because they gave us gifts and a lolly bag. They gave me a football and it’s a soft one which is what I really wanted - Aiden 1K
SWIMMING

Each year level is attending the swimming program and everyone has been put in their appropriate swimming group, ranging from the shallow pool, to the middle depth, and the deep pool. Each grade has a separate time throughout the day and swimming goes for 8 days straight, on school days. It’s an enjoyable time to jump in the pool and learn some new swimming techniques, like torpedo, freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, and breaststroke. From foundation to grade 1 takes the bus and grade 2 to grade 6 walks. Everyone is enjoying the swimming program. We think the swimming program is a good idea because it teaches kids how to swim at an early age, so they can use that knowledge when they’re older.

Everyone must come to school wearing their bathers underneath their school clothes, and bring an extra bag with a swimming cap, goggles, towel, and a spare pair of undies and socks. As well as all of that, bring your normal things for the day.

By Kyb, Cynthia, Sammy
Cameron Close Luncheon
School Holiday Workshops  
13 – 17 January 2014  
Camberwell Grammar School

ROBOTICS with LEGO® WEDO
Workshop (I) - 13 Jan (Mon), Workshop (II) - 15 Jan (Wed), Workshop (III) - 17 Jan (Fri)  
9am – 3pm ($119 per child) For School Year Levels 1-3  
This workshop provides students with an introduction to robotics as they build LEGO® models fitted with motors and sensors and learn how to program the models with a simple drag-and-drop software. They will have fun building the models as well as developing their skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Workshop (I) involves building a drumming monkey, soccer trio and a crane. Workshop (II) involves building a plane, a giant and a Ferris wheel. Workshop (III) involves building a flapping bird, a spinning top and racing cars.

MOVIE MAKING/ STOP MOTION ANIMATION - 14 Jan (Tues)  
9am – 3pm ($119 per child) For School Year Levels 2-6  
Students will use their imagination and creativity to make a stop motion film. The workshop will cover the basics of the art and science of stop motion animation. Students will write their own story, use materials to create the scene, film and add sound to their animation with SAM Animation software.

ROBOTICS with CUBELETS and LEGO® - 16 Jan (Thurs)  
9am – 12pm ($69 per child) For School Year Levels 2 – 6  
This workshop introduces students to robots. They will work with Cubelets, snap on modules that interact with one another and the environment through a range of light, distance and motion sensors. Students will learn logic and cause and effect. The modules are incorporated with Lego® so that students can create a unique robot of their own.

LITTLEBITS ELECTRONICS with LEGO® - 16 Jan (Thurs)  
1pm – 4pm ($69 per child) For School Year Levels 2 – 6  
Students will unleash their creativity and by incorporating the award winning Littlebits interactive electronics modules with Lego® or other materials. These modules will make their creations ‘come alive’ with sound & light!
Hello to all,

To further consolidate the arrangement between your school and Wattle Park Pharmacy, please find attached a Christmas scene that you may wish to copy and distribute to the children at your school to colour.

At the pharmacy we do this every year and will display the children’s work on the pharmacy walls for all to see. In the past we have also made this into a ‘competition’ whereby we award prizes to a number of entries (one to 5-6 year old child, one to 7-8 year old child, one to a 9-10 year old child, and one to an 11-12 year old child).

We would encourage any children who colour and complete the Christmas scene to bring their work to the pharmacy for display. Alternatively, a school representative may drop down a number of completed entries to the pharmacy.

There will be some great prizes for the competition which we will award in the week before Christmas.

The pharmacy is at the tram terminus on Riversdale Road (corner of Riversdale and Elgar Rd).

Regards  Paul Allen (pharmacist)

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- Post this form to Drama Time 19 William St, Balaclava 3183
- Or call Drama Time on 9528 8998

Please do not return this form to the school, return to the Drama Time office only.

Student name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

Parent name: ___________________________ Mobile number: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________ Home number: ___________________________

School: Wattle Park PS

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You may have seen our Halloween decorations a few weeks ago at OSHC. There were some some spooky and scary things hanging in our front window. Not many of us dressed up, but we still had a great time with Halloween colouring in’s, Halloween themed word searches, poking at some very squishy slime, making masks, drawing scary monsters, vampires and bats and decorating the room.

A big thank you to the Papo family who donated many weird and wonderful decorations to the OSHC room to make it look really scary!

We also spent a lot of time outside playing on the equipment, in the sandpit, and on the ovals. Our favourite games at the moment are 40/40 home, footy and circus performances on the equipment.

Inside we have been involved in some basic cooking, setting up pretend shops, building wonderful constructions from Jenga blocks and of course using our imaginations to make some art and craft creations.

Now we’re gearing up for Summer school holidays (don’t forget to take a look at our Holiday Club locations) and Christmas celebrations.

I would also like to invite parents to take part in our program. If you have any special skills, would like to talk about your occupation or just want to come and read a book, we would love to have you come and visit!

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